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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES IN
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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL A, THE UK REP WAS STILL LACKING
FINAL APPROVAL FOR TWO PROPOSED MEETINGS AS OF THE
JULY 31 BONN GROUP SESSION. THESE WERE DISCUSSED AGAIN
TRIPARTITELY AND THEN IN THE FULL BONN GROUP ON
AUGUST 14.

2. HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT. UK REP (CROMARTIE) REPORTED THAT LONDON HAD
LIFTED ITS OBJECTION TO THIS COMMITTEE'S VISITING THE
FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WHILE IN BERLIN BUT AGREED
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WITH THE FRENCH SUGGESTION OF JULY 31 THAT THE GERMAN

HOSTS UNDERTAKE ANY FEASIBLE COSMETIC STEPS FOR DOWN-PLAYING THE ROLE OF THE FEA IN THE VISIT. THERE IS THUS FULL ALLIED APPROVAL FOR THIS VISIT.

3. COLLOQUY OF THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND REFUGEES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. AFTER THE JULY 31 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP FURTHER RESEARCHED THE QUESTION OF INVITATIONS AND INFORMED THE ALLIED REPS BY LETTER THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAD IN FACT IN MAY SENT LETTERS TO POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS, STATING THAT THE NOVEMBER 11-13 COLLOQUY WOULD TAKE PLACE "IN BERLIN AT THE INVITATION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE FRG." THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESTAG SUBSEQUENTLY INVITED THE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ITS MEETINGS IN THE REICHSTAG BUILDING. MEANWHILE, THE UK REP HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS APPROVING HIS HAVING MADE CLEAR TO THE FRG AT THE JULY 31 MEETING THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO FOLLOW THE "PROPER PROCEDURES" ON INVITATIONS AND STATING THAT, SO LONG AS THAT WAS DONE, THE FCO HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE MEETING. IN THE TRIPARTITE MEETING, ALL REPS AGREED THAT IT WAS NOW TOO LATE TO ASK THE GERMANS TO TRY TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONFERENCE BY HAVING THE SENAT JOIN IN THE INVITATION.

4. IN THE FULL BONN GROUP, THEREFORE, CROMARTIE SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO LONDON THAT THIS CONFERENCE BE APPROVED DESPITE THE APPARENT IRREGULARITY OF THE INVITATIONS BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE PROGRAMS AND OTHER PAPERS ISSUED AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF WERE WORDED SO AS TO INDICATE THAT THE MEETING WAS BEING HOSTED JOINTLY BY THE FRG AND THE SENAT. THERE WOULD THEN AT LEAST BE SOMETHING TO POINT TO IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO A SOVIET PROTEST. (ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO EAST EUROPEANS AS SUCH INVITED TO THE COLLOQUY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WHO, ILO, AND UN ECE ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES.) BECAUSE WE HAD EARLIER REPORTED, ON THE BASIS OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION FROM THE FONOFF, THAT ANNEX IV

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PROCEDURES WERE BEING FOLLOWED IN THE MATTER OF INVITATIONS, THE US REP STATED THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO REPORT THE ACTUAL STATUS OF THE MATTER TO THE DEPARTMENT TO RECONFIRM ITS APPROVAL OF THE MEETING. ALL THREE ALLIED REPS SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE AN EARLY DISCUSSION IN THE BONN GROUP OF PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AT THIS LATE DATE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY AWKWARD TO EXPECT THE GERMANS TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR THE NOVEMBER COLLOQUY, AND WE THEREFORE PROPOSE, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, TO

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INFORM THE GERMANS AT THE NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING THAT WE WILL GO ALONG WITH THIS PARTICULAR MEETING.

6. AS FOR THE FUTURE, CROMARTIE HAD ORIGINALLY WANTED TO STATE IN THE BONN GROUP THAT THE ALLIES EXPECT THAT THE CLEAR PROVISIONS OF ANNEX IV WILL HENCEFORTH BE OBSERVED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER INVITATIONS ARE GOING EAST OR WEST. WHILE BOTH THE US AND THE FRENCH REPS

AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO APPARENT REASON FOR GERMAN
DISREGARD OF ANNEX IV PROCEDURES WHEN ONLY WESTERN
INVITEES ARE INVOLVED, NEITHER WAS PREPARED TO GO ALONG
WITH A FORMAL DECLARATION OF THIS NATURE, WHICH WILL
PROBABLY CAUSE THE GERMANS CONSIDERABLE ANGUISH, WITHOUT
FIRST SEEKING THE VIEWS OF CAPITALS. IT SHOULD BE
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FAIRLY SIMPLE FOR THE GERMANS ALWAYS TO SAY THAT THE
SENAT JOINS THE FRG IN INVITING A PARTICULAR GROUP TO
BERLIN, BUT WE UNDERSTAND WHY THEY FIND IT OBJECTIONABLE
TO HAVE TO DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE BRITISH ARE
QUITE CORRECT IN THEIR VIEW THAT WE WILL BE ON MUCH
STRONGER GROUND IN FENDING OFF SOVIET PROTESTS--WHICH
COULD BE MADE IF THEY FOUND A PARTICULAR CONFERENCE
PROVOCATIVE--IF WE COULD SAY THAT HOLDING THE CONFERENCE
WAS IN ALL RESPECTS COMPATIBLE WITH THE QA. AND THE
WORDING OF THE QA IS CLEAR. WE THUS BELIEVE WE SHOULD
AGREE TO AN ALLIED DEMARCHE TO THE FRG. WOULD APPRE-
CIATE USBER'S AND THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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